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June 1, 2012

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Re: Your Letter Dated February 7, 2012 Concerning Big Wood Water Supply

Dear Mr. Pendleton,

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 7, 2012 regarding concerns about water supplies in the Big Wood River basin and the Idaho Department of Water Resources' ("IDWR" or "Department") recent creation of a water measurement district for ground water rights in the Upper Big Wood and Camas Creek areas. I am pleased to know that the Big Wood Canal Co. ("BWCC") Board of Directors is encouraged by IDWR's creation of the measurement district.

Your letter provides notice that the BWCC may initiate a delivery call against the holders of junior ground water rights located within the Upper Big Wood River and Camas Creek areas in the event that there is a shortage of water this irrigation season or at any time in the future. I appreciate the Board's forewarning of a delivery call. As you may know, any delivery call by the BWCC or other holders of senior surface water rights against junior ground water users must be made in accordance with the Rules for Conjunctive Management of Surface and Ground Water Resources (IDAPA 37.03.11). Since junior ground water rights in the Upper Big Wood and Camas Creek areas have not yet been placed in a water district, any delivery call made pursuant to the Conjunctive Management Rules ("CMRs") must include the information outlined in Rule 30.01.a through 30.01.d. The CMRs may be viewed online using the following link: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/index.html>

Thank you for your correspondence regarding these matters.

Sincerely,


Gary Spackman
Interim Director

c: Kevin Lakey, Water District 37/37M Watermaster
Rob Struthers, Upper Wood Rivers Water Measurement District Hydrographer
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Re: Big Wood Water Supply

Dear Director Spackman,

The Board of Directors of the Big Wood Canal Company is encouraged by the Departments recent formation of a Ground Water Measurement District in the Upper Big Wood and Camas Creek areas. We have requested some type of measurement and control of water use in these areas for a number of years. Impacts from junior ground water pumping has been experienced in recent years and coupled with low snow packs has left us with short water supplies. The 2011 irrigation water supply was more than adequate and left us with a good carry over in Magic Reservoir however 2012 until the recent storms has been far below average. It appears that we should have an adequate water supply for 2012 but if temperatures turn cold and conditions dry out for the balance of the snow accumulation season we could still experience shortages in our supply.

Big Wood Canal will be making a call on the junior ground water rights in the Upper Big Wood and Camas areas should we experience a shortage of irrigation water for the 2012 season or at any time we experience shortages in the future.

Sincerely,



Carl Pendleton,
Chairman, Big Wood Canal
Company Board of Directors

cc: Kevin Lakey
Rob Struthers